

### **Voting Assistance**

Voting Assistance Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara is available to answer questions about absentee voting. Contact information for the Voting Assistance Office is:

**Tel:** 0-312-455-5555

**Fax:** 0-312-466-5684

**E-mail:** [Ca-ankara@state.gov](mailto:Ca-ankara@state.gov)

Look for notices from the Embassy throughout the year relating to the 2008 elections at

<http://ankara.usembassy.gov>

For further information you can also contact the FVAP **toll free** from Turkey:

**Tel:** 00-800-151-1163

**Fax:** 00-800-151-1139

**E-mail:** [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov)

Additional websites:

[www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

[www.overseasvotefoundation.org](http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org)

[www.democratsabroad.org](http://www.democratsabroad.org)

[www.republicansabroad.org](http://www.republicansabroad.org)



### **American Citizen Services (ACS)**

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## *Information for U.S. Citizens Abroad*

# Absentee Voting 2008



## Absentee Voting Information for U.S. Citizens

Overseas citizens are eligible to participate in presidential and state primary elections, run-off elections and special elections that occur throughout the year, as well as the general elections in November 2008. You are strongly encouraged to register to vote and request your absentee ballot early!

## Important Information About Voting Abroad – 2008 Elections

The official U.S. Government website for overseas absentee voting assistance is the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). It has a wealth of information about absentee voting including: downloadable absentee ballot applications and write-in ballots, state-specific instructions for completing the form, links to state and local officials, and a downloadable emergency ballot to use

when requested materials fail to arrive in time.



## Basic Absentee Voting Process

- \* Complete an application form and send it to local election officials in the U.S.
- \* The local official approves your request or contacts you for further information
- \* The local official sends you an absentee ballot
- \* You vote the ballot and send it back in time to meet your state's deadline

## Register to Vote and Request an Absentee Ballot

You may fill out the paper form available at American Citizen Services (ACS), or download the Federal Post Card Application at <http://fvap.gov/pubs/fpca.html>. Fill it out and send it in, following the guidelines for your state. Use the postage-paid envelope template at

<http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/returnenvelope.pdf> when sending election materials back to the U.S. via APO/FPO or by way of the embassy/consulate diplomatic pouch. You may also put your application in a regular envelope and use international mail service.



## What about my state's requirements?

Each state establishes voting procedures, and so requirements across the country vary. It is important to be aware of your state's **deadlines for registration**. Specific information about your state's procedures is available at <http://fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html#ch3>. A complete 2008 election calendar is available at <http://fvap.gov/pubs/primarycal.html>

There may be last minute changes to your state's voting calendar, procedures or deadlines. When these occur, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) will issue a News Release <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/releases.html>. To add your name to the distribution list for News Releases, send an e-mail to [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov).